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PRESS RELEASE

**MILLAGE RENEWAL REQUESTED NOVEMBER 3, 2020
BY
CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The school election scheduled for November 3 will contain a request for renewing 18 mills for operations of the schools for a period of 6 years, 2021 to 2026. The millage renewal request will amount to approximately \$5.36 million for the operating purposes for the district, or about \$2,196 for each student enrolled.

The millage renewal applies only to non-homestead property such as businesses, rental properties, and second homes. A primary residence will not be affected by passage of the 18 mill proposal.

The millage request is equal to 17.8 percent of the district's total funding sources for the 2020-2021 school year. The millage is being requested to continue current programs beyond December's expiration of the 18 mills. This millage has been approved by voters for the past 27 years.

The ballot includes the following description: **This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2020 tax levy.**

During this past school year the Chelsea School District received \$8,138 per student as its foundation allowance. This includes the funding provided by the 18 mills which is up for renewal on November 3. In order to receive the full foundation allowance promised by the state, the 18 mill renewal is a necessary portion of that funding. **The 18 mills will not cost homeowners any additional millage.**

If you have questions regarding the November 3 millage renewal election, please call Dr. Julie D. Helber, 734-433-2208 for information.